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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Bicentennial Article

Gentlemen:

1. A member of the White House Staff, Mr. Wes Clark, contacted my office concerning the Agency's Bicentennial contribution. Mr. Clark strongly urges that a scholarly article be prepared relating to intelligence during the Revolutionary War period, and that this article be published in the New York Times Magazine for widest possible distribution. He declared interest in having the article published in the near future, certainly prior to the President's State of the Union address in January.

2. We described the Agency's plan for publishing a pamphlet or brochure on intelligence activities during the Revolutionary period. Mr. Clark stated there is no interest in having us change our plans, but he feels that a scholarly piece would be valuable or perhaps be a fitting introduction to a later pamphlet or brochure.

3. Mr. Clark recognizes the difficulty of having a CIA article published and suggested that perhaps this could be avoided by having an Agency staffer writing independently as a non-CIA attributable author. He also offered to try to find someone to write the article using materials available in our library. (Further, he indicated that he might initiate the action toward having the article published in the New York Times.)

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4. If such an article is prepared, a decision must be made as to whether it should be done within the Agency or by an outsider. [REDACTED] Curator/Historical Intelligence Collection, CRS, suggests a [REDACTED] a professional writer with a number of books to his credit, who is embarked on a four- or five-year effort on the history of intelligence. [REDACTED] assures that his collection includes all research material necessary to write such an article and, of course, could be made available to an outside writer. (At this point we are not certain what this would cost.) If, on the other hand, it makes sense to have the article written in-house, suggestions are solicited as to who would write it.

5. Because of the urgency expressed by Mr. Clark, I should like very much to have your thoughts on this matter as soon as possible.

/s/ John F. Blake

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